

## Update: Friend of the Court Domestic Violence Resource Book (Revised Edition)

### CHAPTER 2

#### Screening and Case Management

##### 2.6 Using Written Form Questionnaires

Effective October 1, 2004, 2004 PA 210 amended MCL 552.507(4). The amendments included removing the text of MCL 552.507(4) and placing the text in the newly created section 7a, MCL 552.507a. Beginning near the bottom of page 39 and continuing on the top of page 40, delete the “**Note**” and replace it with the following text:

**Note:** MCL 552.507a(1) provides that “[a] copy of each report, recommendation, and any supporting documents *or a summary of supporting documents* prepared or used by the friend of the court or an employee of the office shall be made available to the attorney for each party and to each of the parties before the court takes any action on a recommendation by the office.” [Emphasis added.] Although this statute potentially requires the disclosure of information contained in written questionnaires, it permits Friend of the Court staff to summarize information rather than providing the original documents.

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#### 2.13 Confidentiality of Records Identifying the Whereabouts of Abused Individuals

##### E. Documents That Support Recommendations

Effective October 1, 2004, 2004 PA 210 amended MCL 552.507(4). The amendments included removing the text of MCL 552.507(4) and placing the text in the newly created section 7a, MCL 552.507a. Near the top of page 65 replace the first paragraph and quotation with the following text:

MCL 552.507a(1) provides for access to information gathered by Friend of the Court employees, as follows:

“A copy of each report, recommendation, and any supporting documents *or a summary of supporting documents* prepared or used by the friend of the court or an employee of the office shall be made available to the attorney for each party and to each of the parties before the court takes any action on a recommendation by the office.” [Emphasis added.]